



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant(s): Richard G. CARTLEDGE et al.  
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Anatomic Orifice or Lumen  
Docket No.: 28099-0006  
Customer No.: 24633

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 30, 2006 and the Advisory Action mailed January 25, 2007, Applicants respectfully request amendment of the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

Applicants submit that the present application now stands in condition for allowance and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all claims in view of the following amendment and remarks.